



JB Pritzker, Governor

Grace B. Hou, Secretary

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July 26, 2022

RE: Health and Human Services Task Force – 2022 Status Report

Dear Governor Pritzker and Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

The Illinois Department of Human Services is pleased to submit a second status report on the actions taken to date in support of the Health and Human Services Task Force. Requirements of the Task Force are outlined in Section 125-25 of the Illinois Health Care and Human Service Reform Act. [20 ILCS 5175/].

Per Section 125-20 of the Act, this Task Force is designed to include representation from the Illinois State Senate, Illinois State House of Representatives, Agency Directors, and stakeholders from a broad range of public and private organizations. In addition, its membership is to reflect regional, racial, and cultural diversity to ensure representation of the needs of all Illinois citizens.

Since the preliminary status report filed in June 2021, a first meeting has been convened following eleven appointments made by the Governor, one from the Senate President and one from the Speaker of the House. State Senator Mattie Hunter and State Representative Camile Lilly, appointed by the Legislative Leaders, are together serving as co-chairs of the body. The Senate and House Minority Leaders have not yet made any appointments.

The first official meeting of the Task Force was convened on May 31, 2022, with the second meeting scheduled for July 26. The University of Illinois' Institute for Government and Public Affairs has agreed to provide research support to the Task Force.

IDHS is honored to provide administrative support to this Task Force and looks forward to bringing parties together to file a more substantive report, including recommendations, by June 30, 2023. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Grace B. Hou
Secretary, IDHS



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ADDENDUM

*Current Legislative Appointees include:

1. State Senator Mattie Hunter
2. State Representative Camille Lilly

*Current Governor Appointees include:

1. LaDonna Henson
2. Sophie Milam
3. Jae Jin Pak
4. James Borishade
5. Adele Joy Cobbs
6. Teresa Garate
7. Dulce Ortiz
8. David Esposito
9. Zahara Bassett
10. Annetta Wilson
11. Debra Vines

*Current State Agency designees include:

1. Grace Hou, IDHS
2. Glenda Lashley, Department of Children and Family Services
3. Cara Wiley, State Board of Education
4. Amy Lulich, Department on Aging
5. Aaron Beswick, Department of Public Health
6. Melissa Black, Department of Veterans Affairs
7. Robert Planthold, Department of Insurance